

Cantors

Thank you for volunteering to be a Cantor at Sorrowful Mother Parish. Cantors are a significant part of a parish noted to be vibrant and dynamic.

Our main focus is to help the assembly praise Almighty God through music. We do this with the hymns, which are chosen, as well as with the Responsorial Psalms selections.

Our responsibilities include:

- 1) Before each Liturgy:
 - a) Check the music with the accompanist finishing no later than 5 minutes before Mass begins.

- 2) Greet and prepare the Assembly (before the prelude)
 - a) Teach psalm or new hymn.
 - b) Make a brief announcement only if needed.

- 3) Prelude Music (Short and Prayerful)
 - a) Played by organist.
 - b) Performed by a group.
 - c) Sung by a cappella singers (let other liturgical ministers know that you are doing this.)

- 4) Announce the Gathering Hymn
 - a) Speak slowly and distinctly
 - b) Give the book, the number, the name, and repeat the number.
 - c) Watch for the response of the assembly.

- 5) Gloria to be led by the cantor

- 6) Liturgy of the Word
 - A. Responsorial Psalm
 - a. Guidelines say this must be a psalm.
 - b. The psalm of the day should be used.
 - c. Seasonal psalms are used as directed as an exception.
 - d. Psalm Format
 - i) Cantor comes forward after lector's pause
 - ii) Instrumental melody of refrain is played
 - iii) Cantor sings the refrain
 - iv) The Assembly sings the refrain
 - v) Verses follow with refrains in between
 - B. Gospel Acclamations
 - a. The Allelulia is sung by the cantor

- b. The Assembly sings the Allelulia
- c. The verses of the day are sung
- d. The Allelulia is sung by cantor, choir, and assembly.
- e. During the Lenten Season do not use the Allelulia, but the Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ...

7. Liturgy of the Eucharist

A. Preparation of the Gifts

- a. May be sung by cantor, choir, an instrumental or the assembly

B. Holy Holy Holy

C. Memorial Acclamation

D. Great Amen

E. Lamb of God

F. Communion Song

- a. Announce the hymn slowly and distinctly.

G. Meditation

- a. Sung by choir, cantor or instrumental.

8. Announce the Sending Forth hymn

- a. Speak slowly and distinctly
- b. Give the book, the number, the name and repeat the number.

The Parish sincerely thanks each of you for your time and energy in helping others to praise the Lord through Music.

God Bless you in your ministry!!!!!!